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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(E)

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Sir:

This communication responds to the Examiner's statement of the reasons for allowance of the claims, contained within the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed January 25, 2006.

Applicants wish to comment on the Examiner's statements regarding the reasons for allowance of claims 1-42 by pointing out that the reasons set forth by the Examiner are not the only reasons that claims 1-42 are allowable. The allowed claims 1-42

include additional patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner or taught or suggested by the prior art.

As such, claims 1-42 may be patentable for reasons not mentioned by the Examiner as well as for those reasons mentioned by the Examiner.

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